

## **Property Crimes (Burglary, Theft, Damage, etc.)**

When called to the scene of a property crime, the responding officer will complete an initial incident report and assess the scene. In some cases, the responding officer may take photographs or collect minor physical evidence. In cases where a “WORKABLE” crime scene exists, the officer may call in a detective to process the scene for physical evidence.

Movies and Television have created a number of false impressions; with the general public over the years. Probably the biggest misconception the public has, is the use of fingerprints in solving crimes. There are times when our officers or detectives will process a scene for fingerprints; however, the use of fingerprints as a method of solving crimes is actually a lot rarer than the entertainment industry would have you believe. Some of this area’s most successful detectives have gone their entire careers without using fingerprint evidence to solve a case.

Our officers and detectives are well trained and up to date on available resources and crime scene processing. Rest assured that they will utilize whatever resources and technology are feasible in the investigation of each case. In some special cases where our department does not physically possess the necessary tools or technology, they may call in an outside agency, such as the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (G.B.I.) for assistance.